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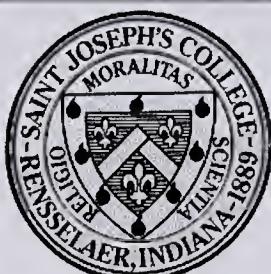
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## Powderpuff Creates Class Pride

**By Elysse Hillyer**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

On Saturday, September 11th, the Junior Class hosted a Powderpuff Football tournament between the classes on the IM Field. Due to a lack of turnout from most of the classes, the freshmen and sophomores who showed up played on one team against the juniors. Several students came out to watch the proceedings, either along the sidelines or from their apartment balconies. Junior Class President Lauren Vance said she did the Powderpuff "to create community between class, and pride for your own class."

The game got off to a slow start because most of the girls needed a refresher on the actual rules of football. The junior class seemed to get it together first and scored for the first time about halfway through the first quarter. Shortly into the underclassmen's possession, Junior English Major Patricia Roeder caught an interception and set the tone of the game strongly in favor of the juniors. "I felt good to contribute to the team. You always want to make a contribution and not let the team down," she says. "It was

good to make a statement so early in the game."

However, before halftime, the underclassmen team were starting to pull together and managed to score, but got no extra point, making the score at halftime 8 to 6.

After a little halftime entertainment by members of the crowd, the juniors came out fighting and returned the kickoff for a touchdown and got the extra points. But the opposition was ready too and scored quickly, making it 16 to 12, still in favor of the juniors. However, from then on out, the juniors took control and scored twice more. The underclassmen tried to catch up, but only scored one more touchdown, and the final score was 32-18, a solid victory for the juniors.

Vance said she was "happy with the enthusiasm, but I didn't get the numbers I wanted." She said that there are plans to do another game around Little 500, and hopes that there will be a bigger turnout the second time around now that more people know what was going on and saw how fun it was. "It was super fantastic," she added with a laugh.



(Above) Teams faceoff on the IM Field in a showdown of the class. (Below) Junior Alicia Allen runs for a touchdown. Photo courtesy of Elysse Hillyer.



## Campus Ministry Hosts Chili at the Lake

**By Jessica Ruschke**  
*Staff Writer*

Sunday, September 12, Campus Ministry held the annual Chili at the Lake at Lake Banet. The event started at 4:00 in the afternoon and consisted of a prayer service and a meal of Brother Tim Hemm's chili.

The prayer service, led by sophomore History major James Bertucci, included a Gospel reading and contained a message about service to others. "I enjoyed leading the prayer service. Seeing other people who want to be active in their faith gives me energy, sustains my faith," said Bertucci.

After the prayer service, students began lining up for bowls of chili served by senior Biology/Chemistry major Jerome Kotell. Many students complimented Brother Hemm on the chili.

"I'm speechless. This is too good," said freshman Music Education major Harrison Beeson. The chili influenced some people's decision to attend the event.

"It's a great time to miss a meal in the cafe and get great chili instead," said junior Chemistry major Monica Lohmuller.

The chili-making process began at 6:30 that morning with the browning of fifty pounds of hamburger meat. The chili cooked until 1:00 that afternoon and then

sat in the kettle to keep warm until the event started.

Students also enjoyed socializing and uniting through food and prayer. "It's nice to see people get together and talk about God and be united like that," said Beeson.

Lohmuller agreed. "I like to see the different groups of people here. I hope they stay involved."

The Chili at the Lake event has been a tradition here for nearly fifteen years. In recent years, Brother Hemm has asked the Resident Assistants to become part of the chili team as part of their programming activities. These Resident Assistants volunteer to help with event itself and play a major role in the publicity by putting up signs and posters. This year, some Resident Assistants from Noll Hall even knocked on doors to remind the students to come to the event.

Overall, the event had a high turnout, but Campus Ministry is always looking for more people to participate in its events.

"We're always wanting more people to come out," said Brother Hemm. "It isn't just about the Chili at the Lake. We try to do publicity, and people still don't hear about it."

Those who did participate found it to be a pleasant experience.

"Seems like there is a nice atmosphere. [There's] an overall good feeling. Everyone seems to enjoy themselves," said Beeson.

"It's a good time of fellowship, and it's a good time to take a moment out of the school setting, the mundane, everyday routine. You can come out here and have fresh air and the fellowship of friends and other people," said Bertucci.



Students enjoying chili at Lake Banet. (Photo courtesy of Jessica Ruschke).



Senior Bio/Chem major Jerome Kotell hands chili to Junior Biology major Wesley Weber. (Courtesy of Jessica Ruschke).

# THE EMPOWERMENT OF QIGONG

By Dan Zimmer  
Staff Writer

On Sept. 16th Saint Joseph's College held a QiGong (chee-gong) seminar that will be continuing every Thursday through out the year. QiGong is a life empowerment force believed by ancient Chinese. The class is taught by Melanie R. Clark, M.S.W. who is a certified level two teacher in the art of QiGong, and has nearly 15 years of experience of teaching this ancient art form. "I teach it to give people insight, resources, and skills to take charge of their health and wellness," says Clark.

"Qi" means vital life force or energy and "Gong" means form. QiGong is an exercise form that builds energy in the

body and assists with natural healing through slow, graceful movements, focused breathing, and meditation. This combination of movement, breathing, and mental focus circulates a tremendous amount of blood throughout the body. Blood and oxygen are the vital life forces that build energy and heal the body naturally.

Students will learn all of the following exercises, the empty force, cloud hands, earth hands, around the world, and push hands. These exercises are all low impact and have the capacity to circulate the same amount of blood and oxygen as if a runner just did a high impact cardiovascular workout. These first steps are to start the body all over again. A revamping for health and

wellness. After these are learned and mastered, students will then move on to exercises that surge energy through the body, such as full body cleansing, drawing the bow, full body spiraling, and nine breathing method. These second sets of instruction are powerful and give clarity to the mind, body, and spirit.

Another part of the experience is a whole food healing seminar where students will learn the healing properties of food that can be bought at the grocery store. Clark will address specific diseases and foods that can be eaten to reverse the illness Right: The practice of Qigong is being performed.  
Photo Courtesy of: <http://www.corneliawathen.com/images/qigong.jpg>



# Little Cousin Jasper

By Meigan Rennels  
Staff Writer

On Saturday September 4 Saint Joseph's Marching Pumas participated in the Little Cousin Jasper parade through the town of Rensselaer. This is the second year the marching band, color guard, baton twirler, and dance team has participated in this event.

The parade started at Monnett Elementary school and proceeded to Washington Street, over the bridge and past the CVS. Also involved in the parade was Rensselaer Central High School's marching band, the Jasper County Fair King and Queen and the South Newton High School marching band.

During the parade the Marching Pumas played their usual arrangement of the school's fight song and "When the Saints go Marching In." The drumline played a variety of cadences as

well as a crowd favorite "Shake." This added a playful feeling to the parade.

"The guard had a lot of fun doing "Shake" with the band," said senior music education and colorguard captain, Mallory Julian.

The parade was part of the weekend's Little Cousin Jasper celebration which is a great community event. The parade was a great way to see the community involvement in town. There were people lined up and down the street cheering and watching the parade.

Freshman music education major Chris Davies said "I thought the parade was a fun and integral part of the community's festival."

The band was excited to have had an opportunity to give back to the community that has supported them. There are always people from the town cheering for the band at halftime when they perform and it was a great chance

for the band to give them some entertainment in return.

"Marching in the Little Cousin Jasper Parade is the band's community service and a way for us to give back to the city of Rensselaer," said Director Robb Thiel. "I had a lot of people tell me that watching the SJC Band brought back a lot of memories from days gone by."

The marching band was honored to receive the "Best Marching Unit" award for their participation in the parade. This recognition was noted by junior English education major Patricia Roeder, "The atmosphere was fantastic; everywhere we went people were cheering for us and clapping. It was a great feeling."

The parade was a great success for the band and the members of the community and will be an event that everyone can look forward to for years to come.

# Comedian Paravonian is a Hit

By Brandon Bennett  
Staff Writer

On September 9th, the Student Union Board sponsored comedian Rob Paravonian in the ballroom. He has appeared on the shows Comedy Central and VH1.

Rob started off his routine by playing on his guitar, incorporating jokes into his songs. He poked fun at many of today's popular songs by artists such as the Plain White Tees, Puff Daddy, Katy Perry, and the Pussycat Dolls. The audience laughed at his parodies, especially a rap style song he wrote about selling candy for the high school band.

Then, Rob talked about his own college career. At first, he thought he was going to be a philosophy major, until he "learned that the class didn't exist." He later changed his major to English, and almost went on to be a teacher. He sang about college life, relating all the social networks college students join. Everyone laughed at the song.

He moved on to describing his trip through Indiana, on his way to the College. He asked whether corn mazes were still around. At one point, Rob and Junior

Biology major Adam Willis said to "make your own maze" at the same time, much to everyone's amusement.

Several more songs and a string of witty jokes followed. Rob moved onto his final story. He began his famous "Pachelbel Rant", due to his frustration with the German composer, Johann Pachelbel. In high school, Rob played cello, and Pachelbel's famous "Canon in D" was a very boring song for the cellists. Rob told the audience how the song follows him everywhere. At times, the song was hard to hear over the uproarious laughter filling the ballroom.

After the show, students commented on their favorite parts of the show. Sophomore Computer Science major Nick Fetcko said, "He was amazingly hilarious and surprisingly intelligent. His witticisms and criticisms were great."

Senior Liturgical Music major Steve Ploense said, "The Pachelbel Rant was awesome. As a music major, it really appealed to my interests. Plus, it was so true."

Other students agreed. "I was surprised by how good he was,"



said Senior Creative Writing major Amber Melvin. "His jokes were very tasteful, and I especially enjoyed the Pachelbel Rant."

The event received a very good turnout, with over one hundred

## Upcoming Events

- Sept. 24th:** Camping Retreat  
9:00 PM - 10:00 PM - SUB Presents ZIV
- Sept 25th:** Camping Retreat  
Volleyball vs Missouri S&T
- Sept 26th:** 12:00 PM - Women's Soccer vs Northern Kentucky  
2:00 PM Men's Soccer vs Northern Kentucky
- Sept 29th:** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM - Wii would like to play
- Oct 1st:** 5:00 PM - Women's Soccer vs Wisconsin-Parkside  
6:00 PM - Puma Bus Competition Begins (Core Plaza)  
7:30 PM - Men's Soccer vs University of Wisconsin-Parkside
- Oct 2nd:** Men's & Women's Tennis SJC Invite  
(Purdue-Cal, Grace MI men, Goshen women)  
Puma Bus Competition Continues
- Oct 3rd:** Take Back the Night 10:45 AM-1:45 PM  
2:30 PM - Men's Soccer vs Oakland City University  
4:45 PM - 6:45 PM - Take Back the Night  
6:00 PM - Puma Bus Competition Ends
- Oct 5th:** 7:30 PM - Take Back The Night Rally (IM Field - Rain Location-Halleck Student Center Ballroom)
- Oct 6th:** 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Indiana Blood Center Blood Drive (Halleck Student Center Ballroom)

Below: Comedian Rob Paravonian plays his guitar during his act.  
Photo Courtesy of: Brandon Bennett

# The Dignity of Silence

**By Caleb Thomas**

*Staff Writer*

One's reputation is everything. This cannot be denied. Past, nobler generations were raised to hold strong the value of not "wearing one's heart on one's sleeve" or not "airing one's laundry in public". In today's world of Facebook and Twitter, one has the opportunity to tell their friends, neighbours, associates, colleagues, and acquaintances exactly what one is doing or how one is feeling, but that doesn't mean that one should.

There is something honourable about the man who keeps things to himself. To be a proper gentleman, one must separate one's emotions from one's daily interactions with other people. This isn't to say that one must become a robotic or inhuman, emotionless being, but rather that one must strive to maintain one's privacy.

*Nota Bene:* Though some may not personally feel bothered by exposing one's own intimate emotions and affairs, one must remember that in so doing one is imposing this information on the other person and thus violating the privacy of both oneself and the individual to whom one is speaking.

People will avoid those who make them feel uncomfortable or upset in any way. Do not seek to unload your burdens onto your friends or they will resent you for it.

This principle can be broken down into a few simple rules to

help those who struggle with this:

1. Do not speak freely of your own emotions. This includes posting enigmatic, emotional status updates on Facebook or Twitter. Do not make a show in public of anger or sadness, frustration or agitation. These emotional displays are unseemly and exhibit weakness. He who is not in control of his own emotions can hardly be expected to be in control of anything.

Look to history as an example; even faced with insults, cruelty, and threat of death the Romanov family, the Russian Empire's last ruling dynasty, showed neither anger, sadness, nor even fear.

2. Do not "air your laundry in public". It is unseemly to discuss private matters publicly. If you wouldn't want it repeated, it shouldn't be spoken of in the first place. This includes discussion of arguments, scandals, et cetera. Far worse is the airing of someone else's dirty laundry in public.

Remember your place; if an occurrence involves other people apart from yourself (i.e.: a family argument) it would be inappropriate to even allude to it publicly out of respect for the other parties involved. Family affairs especially should be kept within the family.

3. Do not "kiss and tell". It is inappropriate to discuss relationships publicly. If one is courting a lady, the details of the courtship should be kept between

the gentleman and lady involved.

Likewise it is inappropriate to pry into the relationships of others. It is unseemly to speak familiarly to women or about women. It is unnecessary to announce which ladies one fancies or finds attractive. If they are truly attractive then it can be seen, and so pointing out the obvious is a waste of breath.

4. Do not seek pity or consolation for ailments. One should keep one's illnesses and physical ailments to oneself. One should strive always to appear at one's best and if one is sick one should not show it. Misery may love company, but to weigh others down with one's own problems (illness or otherwise) will inadvertently cause resentment. People avoid the unhappy like the plague, and for good reason. Do not drain on other people with

your own misery; cover it up.

In synopsis, remember always Franklin's second virtue: silence. "Speak not but what may benefit others or yourself; avoid trifling conversation." This is not an easy issue to overcome. Humans are by nature a social species, but we must remember that we are also a civilised people and we must abide by the social principles which separate us from beasts. Speaking freely is not only very likely to offend those listening, but such personal displays often make one appear foolish or even weak.

Also remember that these sorts of things, if they must be discussed, should be kept only in private discussion between one's most intimate friends and family. To make it common, public knowledge devalues the trust one gives one's friends and family.

## Have your voice be heard!

Are there people or groups on campus that you think deserve to be recognized for their contributions to the campus community?

Are their concerns in *the Observer* that need to be addressed?

Do you have any concerns with policies on campus?

Are there issues you think need to be discussed?

Tell us about it! The Student Forum is your way to speak out and have your voice be heard. Please send your letters to Eileen Mills-Groninger at [emp6839@saintjoe.edu](mailto:emp6839@saintjoe.edu) attached as a Word document.

how this habit reflected on your character. In this respect I adjusted pretty quickly and am no longer judging everyone I see go through a door.

This last summer I had an internship in Washington DC. Returning from that was the best of all. For ten weeks I was living in a retired couple's extra room. That was the first time that I had ever lived separately from either my family or a group of people about my age.

It was so nice to come home afterward to spend a couple weeks with my family and then come back to school with all of my friends. It is so much fun being surrounded by so much youth, and for the last couple of years I had been taking that for granted.

Another thing about where I was living is that it was out in the suburbs, and I had about an hour and a half commute each direction on public transit. My internship was great, but spending about three hours a day on or waiting for the subway or buses was far from

ideal.

Then, when I got back to campus I really began to appreciate how great living on a small campus is. Nothing is more than a ten minute walk from anything else. That is absolutely amazing.

I have learned several things going from and coming to Saint Joseph's College beyond what I have learned in the classroom. I have learned not to take shopping opportunities for granted. I have learned that there is more to holding a door open for someone than we usually think about. Most importantly, I have learned how awesome it is to have lots of friends at hand on a delightfully small campus.

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## Culture Shock at Saint Joseph's College

**By Gloria Thornburg**

*Staff Writer*

Every time I come to Saint Joseph's College for a new school year, there is something different to get used to. Not because the school has changed, but because I'm used to something different.

First, my freshman year. Before I came here I was used to a different situation based on personal experience. The summer after high school graduation and before coming here I was on staff at a summer camp and lived on site. It is in such a small town that the nearest stores are about a half-hour drive away in a larger city. There I shopped at a Walmart for the first time in my entire life.

So when I got here I had already done the Walmart thing, but I was used to having to drive for a good while to get to one. It was such a shock to have a store within walking distance! I could go and buy something without dedicating an hour to do so. That was such a pleasant surprise! It is kind of funny that people complain about Walmart, when really we should be grateful to have one.

The next summer I went to Madison, Wisconsin to study Persian. The program was a cultural immersion program, so we were all encouraged to behave like typical Persians. One of their cultural quirks is called "Taruf," and it is essentially a really extreme sense of polite behavior. Here is an example of how it was different to come back here to school.

Consider that one is holding doors open for people. Under normal circumstances, I consider it appropriate to hold a door open for someone walking about five or ten feet behind me. For the summer, taking "Taruf" into account, the distance extended to about 30 feet.

It was really nice to come back here, because it felt like I spent much less time standing by doors waiting for people to catch up! At the same time, it made it much more noticeable when someone walking about five feet in front of me failed to pause for a second and hold a door.

In the first few weeks back, I probably made a mental note of your door-holding tendencies and

# The *Recovery* of Eminem

**By Michael Garrity,  
Features Editor**

tant. After this great success, however, Eminem's career took a definite turn for the worse with his next two albums, *Encore* and *Relapse*.

[Disclaimer: Yes, I *know* this album came out in June (and you're probably as sick of hearing "Love the Way You Lie" as I am by now), but it was possibly the most important release of the summer and deserves a little attention, don't you think?]

Detroit rapper Marshall Mathers, aka Eminem, aka Slim Shady, is without a doubt one of the most accomplished musicians of all time. His first three major releases, from 1999's *Slim Shady LP* to 2002's *The Eminem Show*, are arguably three of the best rap albums ever made, and definitely three of the most impor-

Thankfully for fans of Slim, and music in general, Eminem released *Recovery* this past summer. While the album does have instances of the aggression and humor that made him famous to begin with (see the track “Cold Wind Blows”), *Recovery* showcases a much more mature and emotional side of the rapper.

The song "Not Afraid," rather than displaying the angry lyrical content that marked his past releases, is an uplifting and motivational song unlike anything he's ever done before. The album also includes actual ballads like "25 to Life" and "Love the Way You Lie," as well as the track "Talkin' 2 Myself," which may very well be the best song Eminem has ever released (sorry, Stan).

Without a doubt, this is Mathers' most mature release to date. Though I'll always be a fan of the raucous

and controversial Eminem that first burst into superstardom at the beginning of the decade, the changes he's made on this album (as chronicled in the track "Going Through Changes") are certainly for the better and provide Slim with a brand new direction to take right at the start of a brand new decade.

Listening to *Recovery*, it's hard to get around the album's title. Recovery is, in many ways, a running theme throughout the record. It means the recovery of Eminem's career, because though he may not sound the same as he did a decade ago, the passion has returned and Mathers is once again on top of his game. He also promises to clean up the "landfill" that is modern rap music, helping in the recovery of the business he loves. . Lyrically, the rapper makes a point to apologize for the last few years and promises that he's finally back for real. After listening to the album, it becomes very easy to accept that apology.



*(Photo courtesy of: <http://images.chron.com/blogs/peep/emrecover1.jpg>)*

Tracklisting		<i>Release Date</i>
		<i>Executive Producer</i>
1.	Cold Wind Blows	
2.	Talkin' 2 Myself (ft. Kobe)	June 18, 2010
3.	On Fire	
4.	Won't Back Down (ft. Pink)	
5.	W.T.P. (White Trash Party)	
6.	Going Through Changes	Dr. Dre
7.	Not Afraid	
8.	Seduction	
9.	No Love (ft. Lil' Wayne)	
10.	Space Bound	
11.	Cinderella Man	
12.	25 to Life	
13.	So Bad	
14.	Almost Famous	
15.	Love the Way You Lie (ft. Rihanna)	
16.	You're Never Over	
17.	Untitled (hidden track)	

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Talkin' 2 Myself      Almost Famous  
You're Never Over      25 to Life

## OVERALL GRADE

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# *Know Your Profs!*

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**By Andrew Dudich, Staff Writer**

Saint Joseph's College has an extremely diverse faculty. Become an investigatory reporter and discover information about SJC faculty to complete the following crossword!

The format is First Initial, Last Name. (Example: Prof. Charles Kerlin: ckerlin)

ACROSS

- 2 This distinguished musician has taught at SJC since 1962

7 This professor was raised on a ranch in Montana and has burned down a house for an art project

8 Our resident entomologist, this professor has worked all over the U.S. on murder investigations

9 Fluent in Spanish, this professor adores Wikipedia and owns several buildings in Medaryville

10 This philosophy professor is fluent in Hebrew

13 This male professor teaches logic at SJC but illogically lives in Halas

17 If you see a salamander, this professor isn't far behind

DOWN

- 1 This professor has a pilot's license and has written an opera
  - 3 A member of the C.PPS., this professor has taught at SJC longer than
  - 4 This professor was born at the base of Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania
  - 5 This professor has served as a Parliamentary Election Observer in Chile and an Electoral Consultant in Nicaragua
  - 6 This professor was a reporter at the Oklahoma City Bombing
  - 11 This professor is a world traveler and has visited China, India, and Ghana
  - 12 This professor is a colonel and chaplain for the U.S. Army National Guard as well as a medical doctor
  - 14 This professor has a degree in German, but could tell you the etymology of practically any English word
  - 15 This campus minister is known for his chili and has a harbor at Lake Banet
  - 16 This male professor owns a bed and breakfast and is obsessed with *Ghost Hunters*



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INDIANA

# Gen Con: It's not just for gamers!

By Natalie Katona,

Staff Writer

Every summer, Indianapolis is overtaken by people dressed as elves, orcs, and all sorts of other fantastical creatures. They are all headed to one place; Gen Con, a gaming convention that proudly voices that it is "The Best Four Days in Gaming!" People from many walks of life come to share their hobbies with others who also share their passion for games. Honestly, I am not a gamer, but the convention offers other fun such as shopping and socializing.

You cannot have a gaming convention without games! There are tons of people trying to get to buy you the latest game they have created. My dad takes to the miniature games where he gets to play out major military battles in either futuristic times or battles that would occur in the past. There is an entire huge Demo room where game creators are letting people

play their games in hopes of entrapping impulse shoppers. Their perfect customers are my sister and I because it only takes two things to win our hearts: 1) Your game is relatively easy to play and offers up some laughs and 2) You smile and are really nice to us. This year, we played the demo for a new form of the classic children's game Chutes and Ladders. In this game you are playing gingerbread army men whose main goal is to shoot down and collect "tokens of war" from the other players. I found it to be an interesting, violent twist on an old favorite. One of the best parts of Gen Con is seeing all of the creative and new board games that people invent and manufacture. My friends and I love to have board game nights and are always looking for something fun and new to bring to our parties.

Another perk of Gen Con is all of the different types of people you meet. I love going up to people

and talking about the costumes they've either made or purchased. Gen Con also offers many photo opportunities, because you have a chance to get your picture taken with characters from your favorite comic books and other works of fiction. My favorite activity is to walk around and find the people with the best costumes and get my picture taken with them. Everyone at the convention takes pride in their costumes and enjoys it when you ask to get your picture taken with them. Another great part of Gen Con is you get to meet celebrities! In the years I've been, I have met Mark Singer (Beastmaster), Kevin Sorbo (Hercules), and Wil Wheaton (Star Trek: The Next Generation). Kevin Sorbo was a big one for me because I loved watching Hercules when I was a child.

So, even if you are not a serious gamer, there is still a lot of fun to be had at Gen Con. There is great



shopping, and you find some really interesting jewelry, clothes, weapons, or collectibles. You also get to meet some really interesting people who are more than happy to share their hobbies.

*Top: Natalie Katona and her sister Emily encounter a dangerous Beholder while at Gen Con. The Beholder is a fictional monster from the Dungeons and Dragons fantasy role-playing game. Right: An amateur snapshot of Wil Wheaton, star of the television series Star Trek: The Next Generation.*



(Photos courtesy of Natalie Katona)

# The Essential Films of Summer

## A Brief Review

By Corey Dowds,

Staff Writer

Hey everyone! Welcome back to the new school year, which is sure to be full of fun and learning. I hope you spent your summer studying... blockbusters! In case you missed some, I am here to summarize the movies you absolutely must see on DVD, Blu-Ray, or possibly even at the local downtown theatre, The Ritz. Here is the list!

1.) *Inception*, directed by Christopher Nolan

Haven't heard of or seen this movie? What is wrong with you?! In all honesty though, this is easily the best movie of the summer. Nolan brings his trademark style to this haunting and thought-provoking Science Fiction film jam-packed with some of Hollywood's best performers. Personally, it is in my top three movies of all time. Even Jay "The Instigation" Skibbens said it was in his top three! If you are a fan of any of Christopher Nolan's previous works (*Memento*, *Batman Begins*, *The Dark Knight*, *Following*, *Insomnia*, and *The Prestige*) than this is most definitely an essential. It is arguably the best film of his already illustrious career. To briefly summarize, *Inception* is a sci-fi/heist movie. Leonardo DiCaprio leads a heist for information inside the mind of an heir to one of the most powerful businesses in the world. If you haven't seen this movie, do so as soon as possible. Seriously.



*Above: Theatrical poster for the new masterpiece by The Dark Knight director Christopher Nolan, Inception, starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Ellen Page, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, and Ken Watanabe. (Photo courtesy of <http://www.filmsilvia.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/12/Inception-Poster.jpg>.)*

2.) *Machete* directed by Robert Rodriguez

*Machete* is certainly not a movie for everyone, and it most definitely is not child-friendly, but if you have any shred of manhood, you will watch this movie! If you are a fan of ethnic stereotypes, giant knives, sexy ladies, or rappelling from windows via

other people's digestive organs, then this is the movie for you. *Machete* is part of a strange genre, almost an action/parody, somewhat like the film *Grindhouse*, or *Sin City*. In fact, if the title sounds familiar, it is because the film was originally conceived as a fake movie trailer to air between Rodriguez's *Planet Terror* and Quentin Tarantino's *Death Proof* during the original theatrical showings of *Grindhouse*. The fan response was so overwhelming, Rodriguez decided to make the trailer into a full-length movie! *Machete* is a movie primarily about a man named Machete, who is out to get revenge on his former partner. Machete

uses his... well his macabre, and over the top gore, to instill his brand of justice on everyone who stands in his way. Throughout the movie, the audience encounters hilarious scenes, excessive amounts of gore, and a surprising amount of discussion on illegal immigration. Robert Rodriguez's other films include *Desperado*, *From Dust til Dawn*, *The Faculty*, *Spy Kids*, *Sin City*, and the new movie *Predators*. So if you and your friends are looking for the fiesta of summer films, then go and cut open your piñata of boredom with *Machete*!

3.) *A-Team* directed by Joe Carnahan

Everyone is familiar with the T.V. series *A-Team*, but not everyone is familiar with the explosion of action that is *A-Team*, the movie. This action packed movie reboots the series in which the "A-Team" become fugitives and must beat the bad guys and clear their name all while avoiding their former allies. The great Liam Neeson leads his group of rangers with smarts, while Quinton "Rampage" Jackson is the brawn of the group. Bradley Cooper of *The Hangover* provides support accompanied by *District 9*'s Sharlto Copley, who plays the crazy technician. Together these rangers join forces to form an unlikely team and clear their names. So if you like the original TV series, or action-packed movies with a clever humor to them, then skip out on the B-list movies from this summer and go straight to the *A-Team*!

(For you girls) 4.) *Twilight Saga: Eclipse*

So, you are a girl and you do not like any of the movies above? Well then you must be totally in love with vampires, Edward Cullen, and Taylor Lautner. Do not be ashamed to express how much you truly love vampires! All of the *Twilight* nerds were salivating like werewolves to see the third installment of the *Twilight Saga* when it was released this summer. So if you are not worried about your manliness, and you like movies that suck... blood, *Eclipse* sparkles like Edward among the other summer movies.

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[The author would like the reader to know that he is really, *really* sorry he forgot to review *Toy Story 3*, which was also awesome and one of the best movies of the summer.]



# Puma Football Hopes To Turn Things Around

By Corey Dowds  
Staff Writer

It is that time again to return to school, accompanied with the entertaining sport of collegiate football. This year the Pumas are poised to have a successful season, although they have started off in the wrong foot in the beginning quarter of the season. The Pumas opened at home with Truman State University. The Truman State Bulldogs were just 2-9 last season but took control of their first game by going up 20-0 in the first half. The Pumas looked sluggish in the first half. Many people decided to forego what seemed to be a hopeless second half. The Pumas did rebound and find their rhythm somewhat in

the second half, mustering up 13 points. The defense also clamped down only allowing a field goal, which left the Pumas with a 23-13 loss. "We just came out flat," says Puma wide-out Marco Dodd. "We only allowed 3 points in the second half, but it was too late by then." Freshman Mike Fauser watched the games from the stands. "They didn't really play like they knew how. If they had played the first half like they did the second, we definitely would have won."

The Puma team would not give up so easily, and looked to rebound against ISU. The Sycamores wanted to improve their 1-9 record from last year under third year coach Trent Miles. The Sycamores came



## Women's Soccer Not Giving Up On Season Yet

By Alexis Clagon  
Staff Writer

The Saint Joseph's Women Soccer team record is 1-5-1. The team is in a slump. By watching these girls and seeing what they can do, coming out of this slump will be no problem for them. Junior Elementary Education major Crystal Torres answered some questions about the future of this team, and what they need to do to make it to playoffs.

Q: What can you say about this slow start in the season? And do you think you girls can turn it around?

A: Oh most definitely we can turn this season around. We have the potential to be really good and beat the other teams, but they just capitalize on our mistakes or we get tired.

Q: What do you think about the team this year? Are you girls young, experienced, or about the same as last year?

A: We've been working really hard this year because we are going to be playing harder teams. Our attitudes and chemistry will help us in the long run. This team is more experienced than ever! We have 7 seniors, 7 juniors, 3

sophomores, and 7 freshmen so we are definitely an older team. But I don't think the age of our team affects us because we're so experienced. We have had girls play on club leagues and all through high school. Compared to last year we have more drive and are about five steps ahead of where our coach thought we would be. The score of our games doesn't really represent us because we work our butts off, it doesn't tell the truth about our team, they just win off our mistakes.

Through all of the adversity, our team remains positive. "When we put all three phases of the game together, we will be a hard team to stop" says Ueber.

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## A Good Knight, SJC Upset No. 18 Bellarmine

By Ken Badylak  
*Director of Sports Information*

Ryan Melson (Sr., Cincinnati, Ohio/Archbishop Moeller) of the Saint Joseph's College men's soccer team helped down nationally ranked Bellarmine University Friday night at O.B. Frazier Stadium in Louisville, Kentucky. SJC executed a fierce defense as Alex Makin (Sr., Warrawong, Australia/Illawara) preserved the 1-0 shut-out of 18th ranked BU.

The Knights (3-1-1, 1-1-1 GLVC) fired 12 shots at the SJC nets in the first half with all eight of their shots on goal being stonewalled by Makin. The Puma offense took a much more cerebral approach in the first half as they tested BU keeper Matt Soyka only three times with Soyka making the necessary saves.

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forced the ball into the corner of the net.

The Knights continued to attack throughout the match as Ian Porta's shot in the 73rd minute was forced astray by Jack Flynn (So., Chesterfield, Mo./Christian Brothers). Makin continued to match BU's relentless attack as he made 10 saves on the evening to earn his third shut-out of the season.

"We are proud of the program," said head coach David Bokhart. "It was a great way to start the weekend and a statement to how well we can defend. We continue to be a



Number 23 Corey Lesure goes up for a header while teammate number 22, Cole Galloway, looks on.

Photo Courtesy of: Father Tim McFarland

more, and our thought process was completely different. Our team went into this game with a desire to win, and a "don't lose" attitude.

Q: With a win under the team's belt, the question is can you guys keep it up?

A: As long as this new formation is working, we'll keep using. Our team can most definitely keep it up. We got a taste of victory and it feels good.

Q: Looking ahead to the rest of the

second half team and are gaining confidence. The most important game of the season now becomes Sunday as we need to complete the trip with a win. Wesleyan is a good team and a mirror image of us in many ways so it will be a classic battle in tough conditions."

The Pumas traveled to Owensboro, Kentucky to play Kentucky Wesleyan College on Sunday the 19th. The Pumas brought home a 2-1 win..



The 2010 Puma Women's Soccer Team. Courtesy of saintjoe.edu.

season, are playoffs possible?

A: Playoffs are possible. 5 or 6 more conference wins we're in, and our season is just getting started. We have 17 games in a season and have only played 7. Success is in our future, and here's hoping to make it to the sweet 16.

The next home game is September 26 against Northern Kentucky at 12PM. Come out and support your fellow Pumas.

# Pumas Pound Crusaders 50-7

**Ken Badylak**  
Director of Sports  
Information

Mack Ogletree (RSr., Cincinnati, Ohio/Lockland) was thrown into action on Saturday evening in the 63rd meeting between Valparaiso University and Saint Joseph's College. With a week of preparation at the quarterback position, Ogletree dismantled VU at Brown Field as the Pumas picked up their first win of the season in decisive fashion. The 50-7 victory gave the Pumas their fifth straight in the historic series.

The Pumas (1-3) traveled 66 yards on five plays in less than two minutes to take the early advantage on the game's first possession. Garrick Hall (So., Indianapolis, Ind./North Central) finished the drive with a 19-yard touchdown run. With solid offensive line play, SJC would score two more times in the opening quarter as Ogletree would finish each drive with a long run to stake

the Pumas to a 21-0 lead.

SJC was able to bust the game open at the start of the second quarter, when Ogletree would finish a 70-yard drive with an eight-yard touchdown run. Kevin Quackenbush (Jr., Indianapolis, Ind./Perry Meridian) and the SJC kick-off team would then forced the Crusaders (0-3) to start the ensuing drive on their own 34-yard line. Sam Gonzales (Jr., Valparaiso, Ind./Portage) and Andrew Adamiec (RJr., Knox, Ind./Knox) would sacked Eric Lemon on the first play of the series back on the VU 23 yard line. Two plays later, Lemon under pressure again, dumped the ball into the chest of Anthony Rouba (Jr., Chicago, Ill./St. Laurence) who returned the inception for a touchdown.

The Pumas would add one more score to end the half to take a 40-0 halftime lead. By the end of three quarters, SJC had built a 47-0 lead and began to rest their regular players. The Crusaders produced 189 of their 256 yards

of total offense in the second half as their starters played the entire contest. SJC put up nearly 400 yards of total offense in the first half while finishing the game with 550.

Mack Ogletree finished the game eight of nine passing for 76 yards and a touchdown. He also rushed for 136 yards on 16 carries and three touchdowns. Ogletree was one of three backs to gain over 100 yards on the night. Garrick Hall added a game-high 179 yards on 17 carries with a touchdown while Jashon Banks (Sr., Kankakee, Ill./Kankakee) received 14 carries to produce 106 yards and a touchdown. Keith Dockery (So., Merrillville, Ind./Merrillville) finished with a team-high seven tackles.

The Pumas are idle on Saturday, but will travel to Jefferson City, Missouri on October 2nd to play Lincoln University. Kick-off at Dwight T. Reed Stadium is scheduled for 2 p.m. CDT.



Pumas trounce the Crusaders. Courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland C.P.P.S.

## NFL Week 1 Full Of Great Matchups

**By Jeremy Butterfield**  
Staff Writer

Thursday August 9th was the beginning of the NFL season and just like the past 20 seasons, Brett Favre is still playing in the league. Favre started off the year with the same game that ended last year's NFC Conference Game vs. the Super Bowl Champions New Orleans Saints. Last year these two teams had some of the best offenses in the league... but that was last year. This year ended with a 14-9 win for the Saints pulling out a win in a close one.

One good thing about that game was that there were no calls that were blown by the referees, but that could not be said for the rest of the league.

One game winning call went in the favor for the Chicago Bears. This last week the Bears faced the Detroit Lions which is a team that has won two games the past two years, both of those wins coming last year. It was supposed to be the great debut of the new offensive coordinator Mike Martz.

Cutler did look sharp, throwing for 362 yards 1 TD and an interception.

The defense looked a little scary at the end of the game when they let a touchdown happen with: 24 seconds left, but this is where it got a little confusing for referees. Lion's receiver, Calvin Johnson, caught the ball with one hand and started to brace himself for the landing. When Johnsons hand hit the turf, the ball came out and the referees ruled it as an incomplete pass. The Lions challenged the call, but the play stood as is. The Bears ended up winning 19-14.

Many experts have looked at this play and most have ruled that it should have been a completed pass. The call can be considered incomplete depending on how people look at the rule and the experts have been talking about the league changing the rules to be clearer on what the rule is.

Luckily Saint Joseph's College is also near Indianapolis. The Colts are a good team who faced a pass-happy Houston Texans team.

Can the Colts make another Super Bowl run this year? Well, if so, the Houston Texans may be standing in their way. No matter what the Colts tried last week, they just could not get their offense to score and stop the Texans from running the ball. The Colts moved the ball 477 yards most were passing yards with Peyton Manning. They moved the ball fine, but just like the Bears they could not get the points on the board.

The defense was able to hold for both teams in the first half with a 13-10 half time lead for the Texans, but the bad news for Colts fans was that they never let go of that lead with a good offense coming out with the Texans and were able to keep up with the mighty Peyton Manning.

The main reason the Texans defense held the Colts to 24 points is the fact that their defensive line, led by Mario Williams, was able to get to Peyton and mess with his timing with his receivers. The Colts offense line was picked apart. This would sound normal but with last year being so good

## Puma Athlete Profile:

*By Hannah Sparks*

Mack Ogletree is a Business Administration major, a 5th year senior, and the wide receiver for the St. Joseph's Puma football team. Mack, or Tree as he likes to be called, is a real athlete and can play several positions including: safety, wide receiver, and even quarterback. In 2009, Mack caught 31 passes for 292 yards and had two touchdowns. He also rushed for 106 yards while seeing snaps behind center and has been second team All-GLVC for the last 3 years. On Saturday he quarterbacked the team in our victory over Valparaiso.



**Hometown:** Cincinnati, Ohio

**Position:** Wide Receiver

**How did you become a wide receiver?** The coaches just put me there, because I'm pretty athletic.

**Favorite professional athlete?** Steve Smith of the North Carolina Panthers

**Why?** He's my size, plays my position, and is a real physical player.

**If you could trade place with anyone on the team who would it be?**

Ben Gomes, he plays safety and I used to be a safety in high school.

**Favorite TV channel?** I'd have to say probably BET or ESPN. I watch ESPN a lot.

**Favorite meal?** My momma's pasta it's called "Piece of Cake"

**Favorite class at St. Joe's?** Core 7 and 8.

**Why?** You get to learn about other people's cultures. It's really interesting.

**Special Talents?** I can mock people really well, especially the guys on the football team.

**You played quarterback in the game against Shepherd right?** Yeah I got put in due to injuries.

**How did you do?** I used to play quarterback in high school, but the game was tough. I knew the offense, but had to call plays and didn't really know the other team's defense.

Watch Mack as he "mocks" the other team throughout the remainder of the Puma football season. The next home game is Homecoming on October 9th at 12:00 p.m. against Notre Dame College (OH).

many fans were hoping for this year was going to be different.

The next time these two teams faceoff will be on a Monday night game on November 1. Expect both teams to be ready for this game.

The Monday Night Football season, they had a double header with first game being Baltimore Ravens at New York Jets. The New York Giants had won their game on Sunday and now it was time for the Jets to do the same. Except a mighty Ravens defense controlled the game, with the final score being 10-9. The Ravens scored a touchdown to make it a 7-6 game at the half and, they

kept the lead until the very end.

The other half of the double-header last Monday was the San Diego Chargers at Kansas City. The Chiefs also got a new stadium this year and the fans came out and packed their new stadium to cheer on their team to a close and nerve wrecking 21-14 victory over the Chargers. They are both in the AFC West Division so every win is needed during of the season.



# Karma and the Cosmos



By Crystal Gaze

**Aries** (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)

Aries, you're working so well in groups these days, and things are only going to get better. You're going to find that all of your combined efforts are paying off, especially in the classroom. So feel free to have some fun at the end of this month, you've earned it!

**Taurus** (Apr. 20-May. 19)

Whoa Taurus, watch your steps! You're going to go for a few things that you want, and lucky/stubborn you, you'll get them! But, unfortunately, this will be at the expense of others. So go for what you want, just be careful that you don't make too many enemies.

**Gemini** (May 20-June 20)

Well since all of the Gemini have started the year off on a high note, a small dip in excitement can be expected in the next week. But don't fret too long, you'll end the month on a high note, so use your spare time to catch up on sleep and classwork.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 21)

You lucky Cancers, you! It seems that everything has been going right in the wonderful world these days...

unfortunately this luck won't last forever. So don't rely too much on your unfailing good fortune, it could result in disaster. However, the end of the month holds someone special in store for you!

**Leo** (July 22-Aug. 22)

It seems as though the Leos aren't sharing in the luck of the stars. And while it seems as though someone will try to help you through your spell of bad luck, don't be so quick to trust. This person will bring even more bad luck. So do a few tricks of your own and reap your own rewards at the end of the month!

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 21)

Well good going, Virgos, and keep up the good work! A good birthday is going to be followed by a pretty exciting month. Though you're going to feel a tiny bit overwhelmed getting your studies on, it's going to pay off, and fast! And you're working hard is going to be followed by some playing hard with some great friends, but don't worry, you'll stay on track and ace what's important. After all, this is your time of the year!

**Libra** (Sept. 22-Oct. 22)

Oh no, Libras! What's wrong lately? You're starting the year off in the downers, but that's no way to face the business heading your way! Get ready for some serious opportunities coming, and you'll end this month on a high note of success and happiness. So get those chins up!

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Uh-oh! Looks like the scorpions are enjoying life at school a little too much. While the fun doesn't seem to stop these days, you should try to find a close group of friends for studying. This will help you to both hit the books and make some new friends. Otherwise, those smiles might waver when the educational going gets tough...

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 20)

Okay, Sagittarii, don't panic. While at the moment it may seem as though some of your bridges are being burned and friends are splitting off into smaller sectors, you won't be left out! In fact, this is a great opportunity to become close with one or two friends in particular. Be particularly open to a new, friendly female in

your life. She will bring only happiness!

**Capricorn** (Dec. 21-Jan. 1)

Well it looks as though the Capricorns are pretty happy these days, and no wonder! With all of the exciting new people around, it's no surprise you're making friends. But be careful, don't let some friendly competition turn sour. Just be excited to have so many people playing the game with you and there's no chance you'll lose..

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 17)

Hmmm...it appears that the Aquarius squad is lying low at the moment. But conserving energy is a great idea, since the next couple of weeks will give you time to rest and prepare for the weeks that won't be so laid back. This would be a great time to get into a new relationship!

**Pisces** (Feb. 18-Mar. 20)

Well Pisces, you're making some important connections in your life right now, and they're only going to get bigger in the next few weeks. What will start as a small opportunity will grow bigger, and a proposition by someone important is heading your way. Go for it!

## Over heard

## Say What?

If you've heard anything scandalous at the cafeteria, anything outrageous enough that you can't keep it to yourself, then look no further! Submit your anonymous comments to mbp6978@saintjoe.edu today to let your peers' voices be heard!

"Don't they know who I am?"

"I have Polish slaves. I keep them in the basement and bring them out every Tuesday."

"Oh, the aliens are good, like in ET (in reference to the film Signs)."

"Everything is the devil. Plastic is the devil, television is the devil, and oh yes, the microwave. The microwave is the devil."

"My meatloaf is leaking."

In this photograph: Joseph Stewart (Alumnus) and Megan Kathleen Bobonick (senior)



## Fountain Stone Theaters

Movies for September 20  
(219) 866-2222  
fountainstonetheaters.com

**Easy A** (PG-13)  
Mon.-Thurs. 5:25, 7:20

**Resident Evil: Afterlife** (R)  
Mon-Thurs: 5:20, 7:15

**The American** (R)  
Mon-Thurs: 5:10, 7:05

**The Expendables** (R)  
Mon.-Thurs: 5:15, 7:10

**The Town** (R)  
Mon-Thurs: 4:30, 6:45

### Coming Soon!

**Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole**  
and  
**Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps**

## The Ritz Cinema

Movies for September 20  
(219) 866-0086

**Iron Man 2** (PG-13)  
Fri-Sat: 7:30  
Sun: 7:00

**Twilight: Eclipse** (PG-13)  
Sunday: 3:00

**Coming Soon!**  
(To be announced)

## The Kissing Booth: By Michael Booth

Staff Writer

Question: Why does it always seem as though the guys I date are jerks?

It is not that men are particularly jerks. The same could be said about women except with harsher words! I challenge what it is that you are seeking in a man. Men are jerks because they are insecure with their masculinity. Understand it is not you; well, it might be you but that is a different issue! He behaves like a jerk because he has been treated like a jerk. If you want to be treated like a princess but, let's face it, you are not a princess, then you have to instruct him on your expectations. Men need guidance just as much as women need affirmation. If you don't guide us and teach us how you want to be treated, how can you expect us to abide? It is not that men are particularly jerks. I challenge you to decide what it is that you are seeking in a man. Honestly, we need you just as much as you need us.